

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 524 - HB 681**

March 3, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any defendant convicted of a felony, and sentenced to serve in a local jail or workhouse, to participate in any work program operated by the jail or workhouse where the defendant is incarcerated, and if such inmate refuses to participate, such may be considered a violation of a rule of the local jail or workhouse, thus authorizing the court to act upon such violation. Authorizes the Sheriff to opt out of the requirements of the bill or excuse participation of inmates under certain specified conditions.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-314(d), if a defendant serving a felony sentence violates any condition or rule of the local jail or workhouse, the court will have full authority to sentence the defendant to continuous confinement in the Department of Correction for a period not to exceed the remainder of the full sentence originally imposed.
- The bill will add refusal to participate in the work program to the current list of rules of the local jail.
- According to the Department of Correction, this bill will not result in any fiscal impact to the Department
- According to County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), this bill will not result in any fiscal impact to local governments.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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